

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 262

By Harrison

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Dr. Paul Emory Reed of Sneedville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Dr. Paul Emory Reed; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Paul Reed was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Reed served with acumen and alacrity as a physician in Hancock County for nearly three decades, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and his patients alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Hancock County, Paul Reed was a graduate of Hancock County High School, East Tennessee State University, and the University of Tennessee College of Medicine; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Reed rendered sterling service to the good people of Hancock County as the Hancock County Medical Director and the Director of the Hancock Rescue Squad and EMS, and also served as the Director of Hancock Manor and as the attending physician at Ridgeview Terrace Nursing Home; and

WHEREAS, a caring and compassion physician, Dr. Reed served as Medical Director of the Rural Health Services Consortium prior to his retirement, and he was twice recognized as the medical provider of the year; and

WHEREAS, a past recipient of Provider of the Year honors from the Rural Health Association of Tennessee, Dr. Paul Reed was a career-long member of the American Medical Association, the Tennessee Medical Association, and the Lakeway Medical Society; and

WHEREAS, active in the civic and political affairs of his community, Dr. Reed ably served as a Hancock County Commissioner and stood as the Vice Chairman of the Hancock County Republican Party; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Reed was an active and devout member of Sneedville First Baptist Church, which he served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, Paul Reed was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Reed enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of more than forty years, Paulette Graham Reed, was the proud father of four children, and was the doting grandfather of five grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his wife, Dr. Reed is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Stephanie and Rhett Traband; his daughter, Heather Reed; his daughter and son-in-law, Paula and Chris Masters; his son and daughter-in-law, Paul and Kristin Reed; and his five grandchildren, Logan Traband, Michael Traband, Liam Killoren, Quinn Killoren, and Ayla Masters; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Paul Reed will be sadly mourned but fondly remembered by his mother, Lucille Reed; his sister and brother-in-law, Judy and Elois Grooms; his nieces, Alison Grooms and Meredith Grooms; and a host of extended family members and dear friends; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Paul Emory Reed leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Dr. Paul Emory Reed, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Dr. Paul Emory Reed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.